

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 2, 13, 19, and 20, all of which are independent. Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter. Claims 19 and 20 are newly added.

The drawings have been objected to due to various minor informalities therein. In response, Applicant has amended reference character “33” in Figure 5 to --33a--, and has amended the corresponding locations in the specification. Applicant has also eliminated reference character “11e” and “11j” from the specification and has added reference character --61-- at page 29, line 8, of the specification, where the clock pulse oscillator is referred to. Given the aforementioned amendments, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the drawings now be withdrawn.

Applicant submits herewith a new and more descriptive title. Favorable consideration together with withdrawal of the objection to the title is now respectfully sought.

Applicant has made further amendments to the specification to address the informalities cited by the Examiner. Thus withdrawal of the objection to the specification is now sought.

Claims 13-18 were also objected to because of informalities therein. As the Examiner will appreciate, in amending claim 13, the objected language has been eliminated. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is now respectfully sought.

The specification was also objected to on grounds that the Summary of the Invention was in improper form. In response Applicant has deleted the Summary of the

Invention in the specification and have replaced it with new language submitted to be in proper form. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now requested.

Each of independent claims 1 and 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Okabayashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,794,096) in view of Tanabe (JP 2-213888). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application are respectfully sought.

As the Examiner will appreciate, each of independent claims 2 and 13 incorporates electric power change means which changes the electric power supplied to the magnetic flux generation means (claim 2) or heating means (claim 13) without changing the target temperature, and does so on the basis of information on a density of an image formed on the recording material. Such features are not disclosed by the applied art of record and thus it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 13, as amended, are distinguishable over the applied art of record.

New claims 19 and 20 recite electric power change means for changing the electric power supplied to the magnetic flux generation means (claim 19) or the heating means (claim 20), depending on whether the image formed on the recording material is an image formed with toner of a single color or an image formed of toners of a plurality of colors. Such features are neither taught nor suggested by the applied art of record. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 19 and 20 are also patentable over that art.

Lastly, and as noted above, Applicant submits herewith a replacement sheet for Figure 5. This replacement sheet corrects an informality noted by the Examiner. Acceptance of that replacement sheet is respectfully sought.

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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